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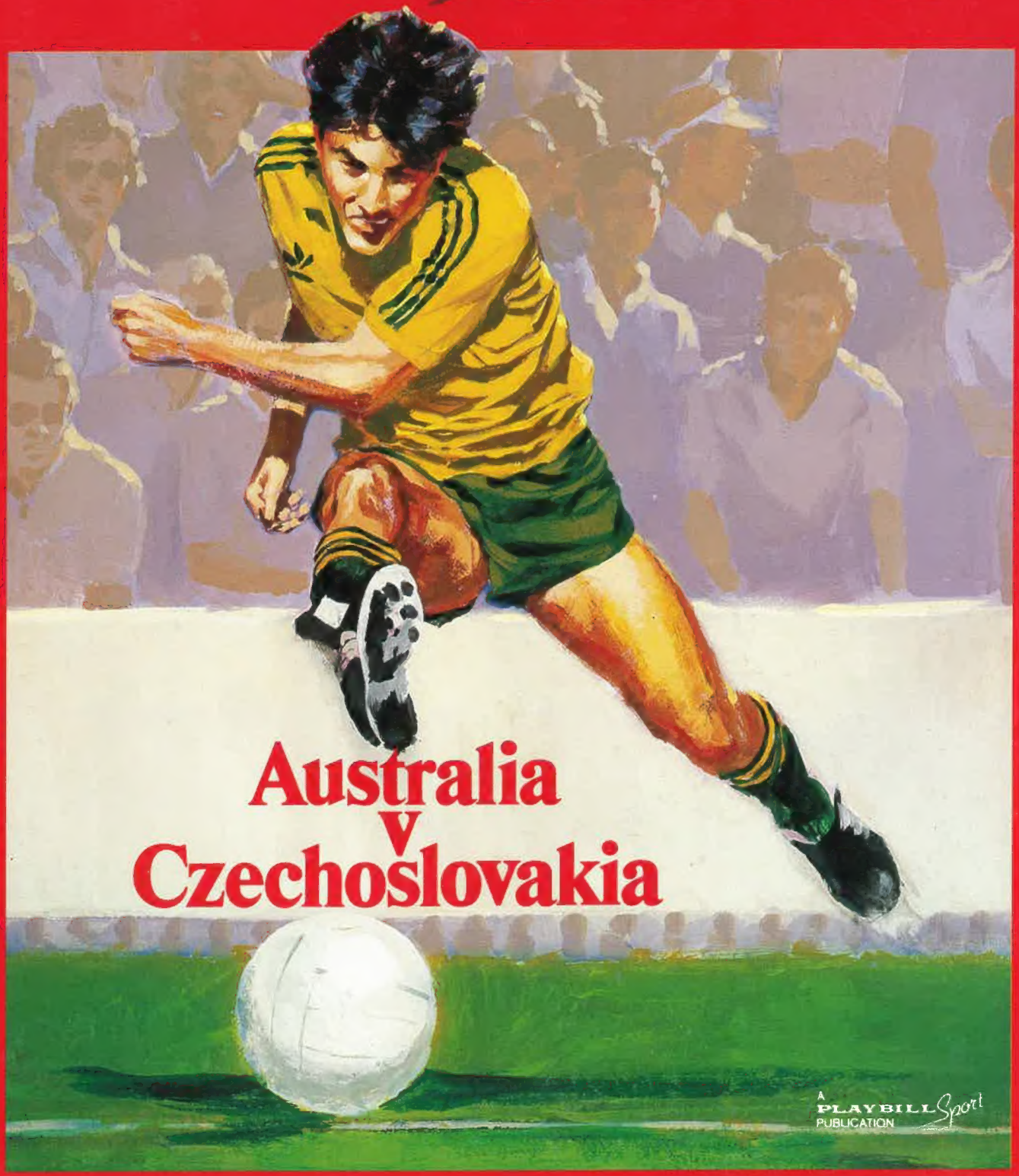

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It is my pleasure on behalf of the Executive of the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome to Australia the Officials and Players of the Czechoslovakian National Team and the Youth Team.

It is no coincidence that only two of the players participating in this International event, one from each team are still playing with the National Teams since our last games in 1980. Both countries have since those fixtures been involved in two World Cup campaigns.

In 1980 the Czechoslovakian team beat Australia twice 4–0 and 5–0. In the third game the result was a 2–2 draw. These fixtures will be able to give the Winfield Socceroos the opportunity to gauge their relative improvement over the last six years.

To the Officials and players of the Czechoslovakian team I extend a warm welcome and trust that you enjoy your short stay here in Australia.

SIR ARTHUR GEORGE
President,
Australian Soccer Federation

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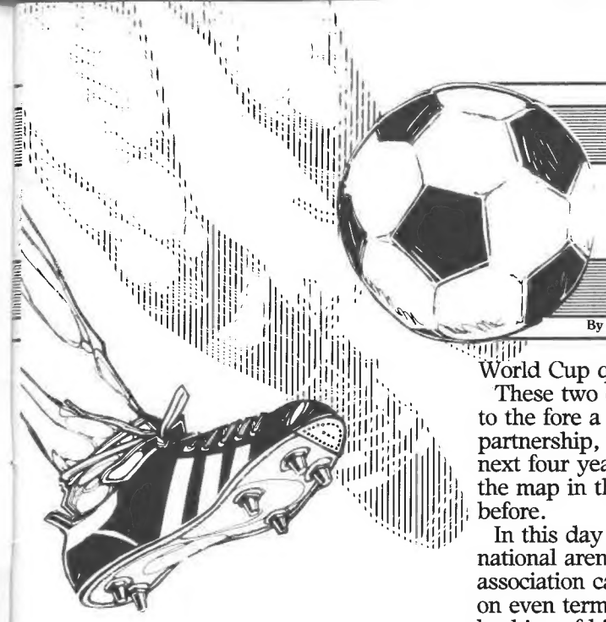


WINFIELD CONTINUES TO SPONSOR THE SOCCEROOS

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE highly successful partnership of the Winfield Company and the Socceroos will continue for the next four years and is one which will bring the most exciting period ever, in the history of Australian Soccer!

This wonderful sponsorship from Winfield will allow the ASF to mount the most extensive programme it has ever undertaken to obtain international credibility and subsequent recognition by the Australian public of our national team, now officially known as the "Winfield Socceroos".

Late last year, under the "Winfield Socceroo" banner, our national team displayed its full potential against Scotland in the World Cup qualifying games.

These two epic matches brought to the fore a successful partnership, that is poised in the next four years to put soccer on the map in this country as never before.

In this day and age in the international arena, no team or no association can hope to compete on even terms, without the backing of big business.

This is a fact of life!

The new four year development programme of international soccer in this country – drawn up by the ASF and backed by Winfield, will officially kick-off with this "Winfield Czechoslovakian Challenge" to be played in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney.

The Winfield Company, of course, first came into the soccer scene on the night of May 31, 1980, when they sponsored the ASF Centenary clash against England at the Sydney Cricket Ground with the Winfield Cup up for grabs.

This was followed up by another marvellous sponsorship for the friendly series against Northern Ireland in the same year.

Then of course, last year, came the unforgettable "Winfield Socceroos" clashes against Scotland, where the seeds were sown for this dramatic new four year partnership.

On announcing the new sponsorship and programme, the Australian Operations Director for the Winfield Company, Mr. John Devine, declared that his company was more than pleased to renew its association with the ASF.

"During the next four years, including the 1988 Olympics and the 1990 World Cup bid, we are confident that the "Winfield Socceroos" will achieve recognition as a major Australian sporting team whose achievements will be praised by all Australians," Mr. Devine said.

ASF President, Sir Arthur George, declared that it was a partnership between two friends.

"We have not just obtained a sponsor, but a trusted partner and a friend," Sir Arthur said.

"We thank Winfield for their involvement with our team and I am sure that with their assistance the "Winfield Socceroos" will be the best ever prepared Australian national team in their quest to qualify for the 1988 Olympics and 1990 World Cup Finals."

An exciting new era for soccer in this country has now commenced and one that is certain to bear fruit beyond all expectations!

ASF Officials left to right: Vice-President Michael Weinstein, President Sir Arthur George, Winfield's Australian Operations Director John Devine, and ASF Senior Vice-President Ian Brusasco.

WINFIELD SOCCER BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

A blueprint for success has been drawn up for the Winfield Socceroos' campaign to qualify for the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

Backed by the wonderful sponsorship from the Winfield Company it's "all systems go" in the Australian camp with Italy 1990 the major goal.

One of the stepping stones in the preparation will be the attempt to participate in the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.

The programme for the next four years, drawn up by the ASF is:–

1986

1st Step–CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The three match 'Winfield Czechoslovakian Challenge Series' now being played.

2nd Step–NEW ZEALAND

25th October v New Zealand in Auckland.

2nd November in Australia (at a venue yet to be determined).

3rd Step–THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Under the direction of the National Training Centre Programme the national team will enter the AIS in Canberra upon return from New Zealand, for one week's intensive training.

4th Step–CHINA v AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL AMPOL CUP

Three games will be played in China for the China v Australia International Ampol Cup in Peking, Shanghai and Canton with the national team departing Australia on November 3. Further games will be arranged in either South Korea or Hong Kong to supplement this tour.

1987

5th Step–PRE SEASON TOURNAMENT

The executive of the ASF shall determine the format and teams of a pre-season tournament, or a pre-season tour with details to be announced at a later date.

6th Step–MONTHLY TRAINING CAMPS

At the conclusion of step 5, the pre-season series, camps shall be held on a monthly basis up to the preparation of a mid-season tournament.

7th Step–MID SEASON TOURNAMENT

Invitations have been received from various countries and clubs that wish to tour Australia in 1987. The executive shall determine the composition of the teams and the dates for a series to be held in mid-season 1987.

8th Step–AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND

The second of the regular Trans Tasman challenge series between Australia and New Zealand will be played at the immediate conclusion of the 1987 season.

9th Step–CHINA v AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL AMPOL CUP

It will be Australia's turn to host China for the fourth of the International Ampol Cup series. Both teams will be preparing for the Olympic Games qualifying rounds and the games against China will be conducted after the conclusion of the 1987 domestic season.

1988

10th Step–THE BICENTENARY GOLD CUP

Invitations are currently being issued and contracts being drawn up for the staging of the Bicentenary Gold Cup in late January early February 1988. Further details on this series will be announced later.

11th Step–OLMPIC GAMES ELIMINATION SERIES

FIFA have determined that Oceania shall be formed into two groups. Australia has been drawn in Group A along with New Guinea and China Taipei. Group B is New Zealand, Fiji and Western Samoa. These two groups will play off – Group A in Australia and Group B in New Zealand. The winner of the two groups will be joined by the winner of a play-off between the two runners-up of each group and Israel. These four teams will then play in the second round of the elimination series in a tournament to be conducted in Oceania. Further details of the venues of round 1 and 2 of this series will be announced next month. It is Australia's recommendation to Oceania that round 1 and 2 of this series be played in February 1988.

12th Step–TRAINING CAMPS

Regular monthly training camps will be conducted at the conclusion of the Olympic elimination series up to the participation in the Olympics and the next step of the preparation.

13th Step–OLYMPIC GAMES OR MID-SEASON INTERNATIONAL SERIES

If Australia does not qualify for the Olympics a mid-season International series will be conducted.

14th Step–AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND

The third of the Trans Tasman challenge series between Australia and New Zealand will be conduted at the end of the 1988 season.

15th Step–CHINA v AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL AMPOL CUP

It will be China's turn to host this series at the end of the 1988 season. Dates will have to be determined between the two nations as China may be participating in an elimination series late in this year.

1989

16th Step–WORLD CUP ELIMINATION

The programme for 1989 has not been determined at this stage. It will be necessary for Oceania to determine the venues and method of elimination for the 1990 World Cup. Pre-season and mid-season tournaments together with the Trans Tasman challenge and the China v Australia International Ampol Cup will all have to be considered based on the 1990 World Cup elimination series. It is anticipated however to follow a similar programme of involvement of the players as was done for 1986. The Winfield Socceroos were together for 120 days of the

On the trail again, Winfield Socceroo captain John Kosmina heads home against China Taipei in last World Cup qualifying game.

go cap in hand to countries in the top echelon of world soccer to request international fixtures.

This is no longer so, and the ASF executives now have a fine selection of nations and leading club teams who wish to travel to Australia to pit their skills against the Winfield Socceroos.

This fact, plus the above planned programme, will now give our national team the best preparation ever, in the history of the game in this country.

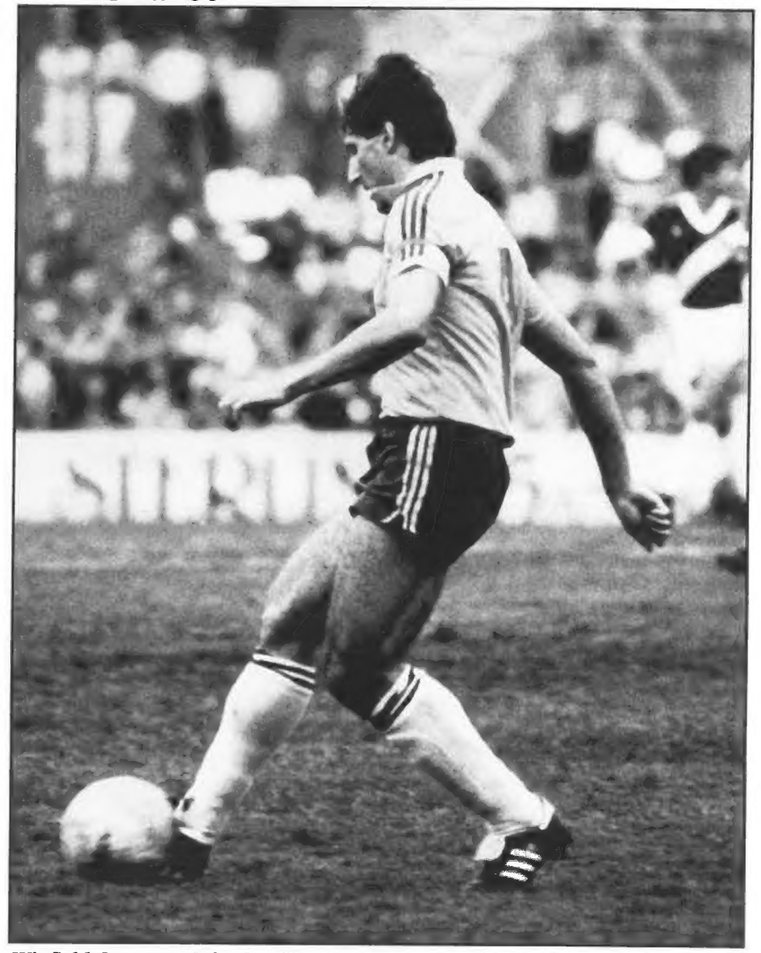
by the Australian Soccer Federation in the commitment to make the Winfield Socceroos a sporting team whose achievements will be praised by all Australians.

Although the Winfield Socceroos failed to qualify for the 1986 World Cup Finals, the games played in the final qualifying round against Scotland have brought great credibility to Australian soccer.

In the past Australia has had to elimination year for the last World Cup and it is envisaged a similar programme will be put into operation for 1989.

NOTE: As each stage for the preparation is confirmed, futher announcements will be made giving venues and dates for each of the steps to the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy.

This is a well planned programme and without doubt the most extensive ever undertaken

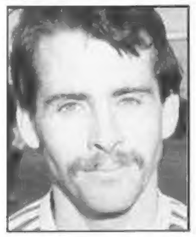


Winfield Socceroo defender Charlie Yankos in action against Vasco da Gama in the International Series.

ASF Winfield Socceroos

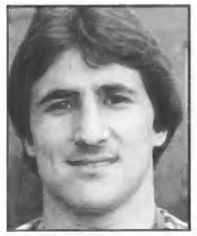
AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHIES

GRAHAM JENNINGS *(Defender)*



Age: 25
Occupation: Legal Searcher
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International Games played: 39 Senior, 10 Youth
One of the most exciting defenders in Australian Soccer. Played in the 1981 F.I.F.A. World Youth Championship Finals. A regular member of Australia's National Team. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

CHARLIE YANKOS *(Defender)*



Age: 24
Occupation: Club Director
Current Club: Adelaide Hellas
Total International Games played: 41
A strong sweeper who also came to the forefront in 1983 against England. Has the ability to play in numerous positions in the defence and filled in at right-back in the successful Merlion Cup campaign in December 1983. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

DAVID RATCLIFFE *(Defender)*

Age: 28
Occupation: Steelfixer
Current Club: St. George
Total International Games played: 47
Probably the most consistent performer in Australian club football. Ratcliffe made his name on the international front with his memorable clashes with England superstar Trevor Francis in the 1983 series. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

KEN MURPHY *(Midfielder)*

Age: 29
Occupation: Toolmaker
Current Club: South Melbourne
Total International Games played: 36
A strong attacking midfielder with great experience. Blossomed onto the national scene in the series against England and hasn't looked back since. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

JOHN KOSMINA *(Striker)*

Age: 31
Occupation: Sales Representative
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 88
He has played in two World Cup campaigns with the Socceroos. Also spent a season in the English First Division with Arsenal. Great skills and goal scoring ability. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

FRANK FARINA *(Striker)*

Age: 21
Occupation: Clerk
Current Club: Sydney City
Total International Games played: 28 Senior, 21 Youth, Under-23 5
Another young star of the youth team's participation in last year's World Youth Cup Finals in Mexico. Became Australia's hero when he scored the equalising goal against Mexico in front of a capacity crowd of 110,000 at the Aztec Stadium. Fast and direct, Frank has a good finishing shot. Toured Europe/China in 1984.

JEFF OLVER *(Goalkeeper)*

Age: 24
Total International Games played: 13 Senior, 1 Youth
Current Club: Heidelberg United
A young goalkeeper who first came into prominence when selected for the National Youth team to travel to South America for the qualifying round of the 1979 World Youth Cup. Safe in the air and very agile. Has represented Victoria on many occasions.

IAN GRAY *(Defender)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Gardener
Current Club: Marconi Fairfield
Total International Games played: 19 Senior, 1 Youth
Has been tried out in the national team at right-back and midfield. He has played State League and NSL since 1979. Previously he played for Apia Leichhardt. Has yet to play a full international for Australia.

ZARKO ODZAKOV *(Midfielder)*

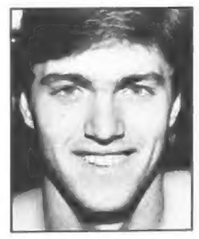
Age: 30
Occupation: Footballer
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International Games played: 13
Prior to joining Sydney Croatia he played for two years with Preston. His current playing position is midfield.

ROBERT DUNN *(Defender)*

Age: 25
Occupation: Sales Director
Current Club: Preston Makedonia
Total International Games played: 15
Has played with West Adelaide, Adelaide Azzurri and Croatia North Perth. His current playing position is Centre Half.

GRAHAM ARNOLD *(Striker)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Carpenter & Joiner
Current Club: Sydney Croatia
Total International games played: 8
His current playing position is striker and forward. Played last year in the State League with Sydney Croatia when they won promotion to the National League. His previous club was Canterbury-Marrickville.



CHRIS KALANTZIS *(Striker)*

Age: 19
Occupation: Bricklayer
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Total International games played: 2 'B' games
A star of the youth team that played in the World Youth Championship Finals in Russia last year. A highly skilled youngster with a big future ahead of him. Has the ability to take a man on and packs a lethal finishing shot.

STEVE MAXWELL *(Striker)*

Age: 21
Occupation: Storeman/Clerk
Current Club: Adelaide City
Total International games played: 0
A big bustling striker with a good eye for goal. Has come into his own and produced his true potential with his club this year. Another local youngster produced in the South Australian system and in coming years could prove a very valuable acquisition to the national squad.

PAUL WADE *(Midfielder)*

Age: 24
Occupation: Draftsman
Current Club: Brunswick Juventus
Total International games played: 2 'B' games
Came to Australia from England in 1981 when he joined Croydon City where he served for two years before moving on to Green Gully. Joined Brunswick last year where he has now proved to be a valuable player. An excellent midfielder in the English mould and has won his place in the national squad on sheer merit.

SERGIO MELTA *(Midfielder)*

Age: 27
Occupation: Hairdresser
Current Club: Adelaide City
Total International games played: 0
Was voted Australia's 1984 "Player of the Year" and a highly talented performer. Yet another player who has come through the successful South Australian system. He's a midfielder in the elegant mould and is highly skilled.

RUSSELL STEWART *(Midfielder)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Bricklayer
Current Club: Brisbane Lions
Total International games played: 0
One of the stars of the Young Socceroos in the 1983 World Youth Championship Finals in Mexico. During this series he produced a brilliant effort in the Young Socceroos 1–1 draw with Mexico before a capacity crowd of 110,000 at the Aztec Stadium. A highly talented midfielder who plays football the simple way.

ANGIE POSTECOGLOU *(Defender)*

Age: 20
Occupation: Bank Officer
Current Club: South Melbourne
Total International games played: 0
Yet another star who has graduated through the ranks of the Young Socceroos. Was Australia's best player in the World Youth Championships in Russia last year and a player with a big future ahead of him. Fast and determined in the tackle, he reads the game well and has a brilliant technique.

ALAN HUNTER *(Defender)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Insurance Clerk
Current Club: Heidelberg
Total International games played: 0
A brilliant young Northern Irishman who joined the Brisbane Lions club in 1983. Tall and dominating in the air he transferred to Heidelberg last year. Caught national coach Frank Arok's eye with some strong performances for the Melbourne club this year.

GARRY McDOWALL *(Midfielder)*

Age: 27
Occupation: Scaffolder
Current Club: South Melbourne
Total International games played: 2 'B' games
Joined Footscray from Scotland three years ago and has never looked back since. A strong tackling and no-nonsense midfielder in the true Scottish mould. Should be a big asset to the national squad in their bid to make the Olympics and the 1990 World Cup Finals.

TONY FRANKEN *(Goalkeeper)*

Age: 21
Occupation: Student
Current Club: Canberra City
Total International games played: 4
A product of the AIS and another former Young Socceroo. Brought the house down at the Aztec Stadium in the World Youth Finals in 1983 against Mexico with an outstanding performance. Works hard at his game and is a young man destined to go a long way in the game.

MIKE GIBSON *(Goalkeeper)*

Age: 23
Occupation: Fitter/Machinist
Current Club: St George
Total International games played: 1
A former Penrith City player who joined the St George club at the start of the season. Has excellent anticipation and good hands and is a very good organiser of his defence. Yet another young player destined for a big future.

PETER RASKOPOULOS *(Midfielder)*

Age: 24
Occupation: Dry Cleaning Proprieter
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Total International games played: 19
Back in the national squad after recovering from a broken leg sustained in the clash against PSV Einhoven in Holland during the World Tour in 1984. A brilliant midfielder with great vision and the ability to open up any defence with accurate long passes. Another product of the Young Socceroos.

TONY DAKOS *(Defender)*

Age: 22
Occupation: Full-time player
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Total International games played: 0
An intelligent defender who loves to come forward on the attack. First came into prominence with the Young Socceroos in the 1983 World Youth Cup final series in Mexico. A youngster who has the ability to go a long way in the game.

MARSHALL SOPER *(Striker)*

Age: 26
Occupation: Full-time player
Current Club: Sydney Olympic
Total International games played: 26
One of the most dangerous strikers in Australian football and a player with exceptional talent. Missed last year's World Cup qualifying games, but now happily settled back in the squad. Will have a big say in the Socceroos campaign in the next four years.

AUSTRALIAN COACH FRANK AROK

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE challenge of getting the Winfield Socceroos to the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul and the 1990 World Cup Finals in Italy is one that national coach Frank Arok relishes!

For here is a dedicated soccer mentor hellbent on making every post a winning post for his team in the next four years.

Since his first appointment as national coach against England in 1983, the playing style of the Winfield Socceroos has changed dramatically.

Australia now has a team in the international arena more than capable of holding its own on even terms with any nation – no matter who or no matter what their reputation may be.

In fact, to be honest, the confident Socceroo coach cares little for reputations as he and his team showed in the unforgettable World Cup qualifying games against Scotland, Israel and New Zealand last year.

And rightly so, for, since Frank Arok was given control of the Socceroos' destiny, a wind of change – or to be more precise – a raging gale, has blown through the corridors of the national team.

Long gone are any thoughts of being inferior to compete on even terms at international level. Confidence and belief in their own ability and skills, is what Arok has firmly installed into his sound Australian team.

This, plus his talent to communicate his own vast knowledge to his players, has given the Socceroos that quality ingredient so much desired.

The Winfield Socceroos now play an exciting brand of well organised and modern football they can be proud of.

This was proven beyond any doubt in the titanic clash against Scotland at Olympic Park, Melbourne last year.

Only a superhuman effort by their brilliant goalkeeper Jim Leighton, saved the Scots from going under to a Winfield Socceroo onslaught.

But, being the perfectionist he is, coach Arok continually strives for an increased performance from his players.

He realises only too well, the daunting task ahead in the next four years.

During his recent trip to Mexico for the World Cup final series, Arok probed and indeed haunted, many of the training camps, in further search for knowledge and information that will benefit his team in the tough campaign ahead.

The French camp in particular came under his microscope. Arok monitored every move made by France, as they prepared for their big World Cup battles.

The information he accrued will prove invaluable in the future.

Also, it was interesting to note in Mexico, that Arok as national coach of Australia, was received with distinction and total respect.

The exploits of his team over the past few years have certainly not gone unnoticed in the top echelon of the football world!

But coach Arok does not believe in living in the past – he's a realist. The introduction of many new faces into his squad for this 'Winfield Czechoslovakian Challenge' proves this to the limit.

Skill and pride of wearing the green and gold of Australia is the name of the game in the Socceroo sector nowadays – nothing less will be tolerated.

"We know what lies ahead of us and we have no illusions over the fact that it will be a tough campaign to qualify for the Olympics and the 1990 World Cup Finals," Arok declares honestly.

"However we have a four year blueprint drawn up to give our team the best preparation ever mounted in Australian soccer in a bid to get the desired results.

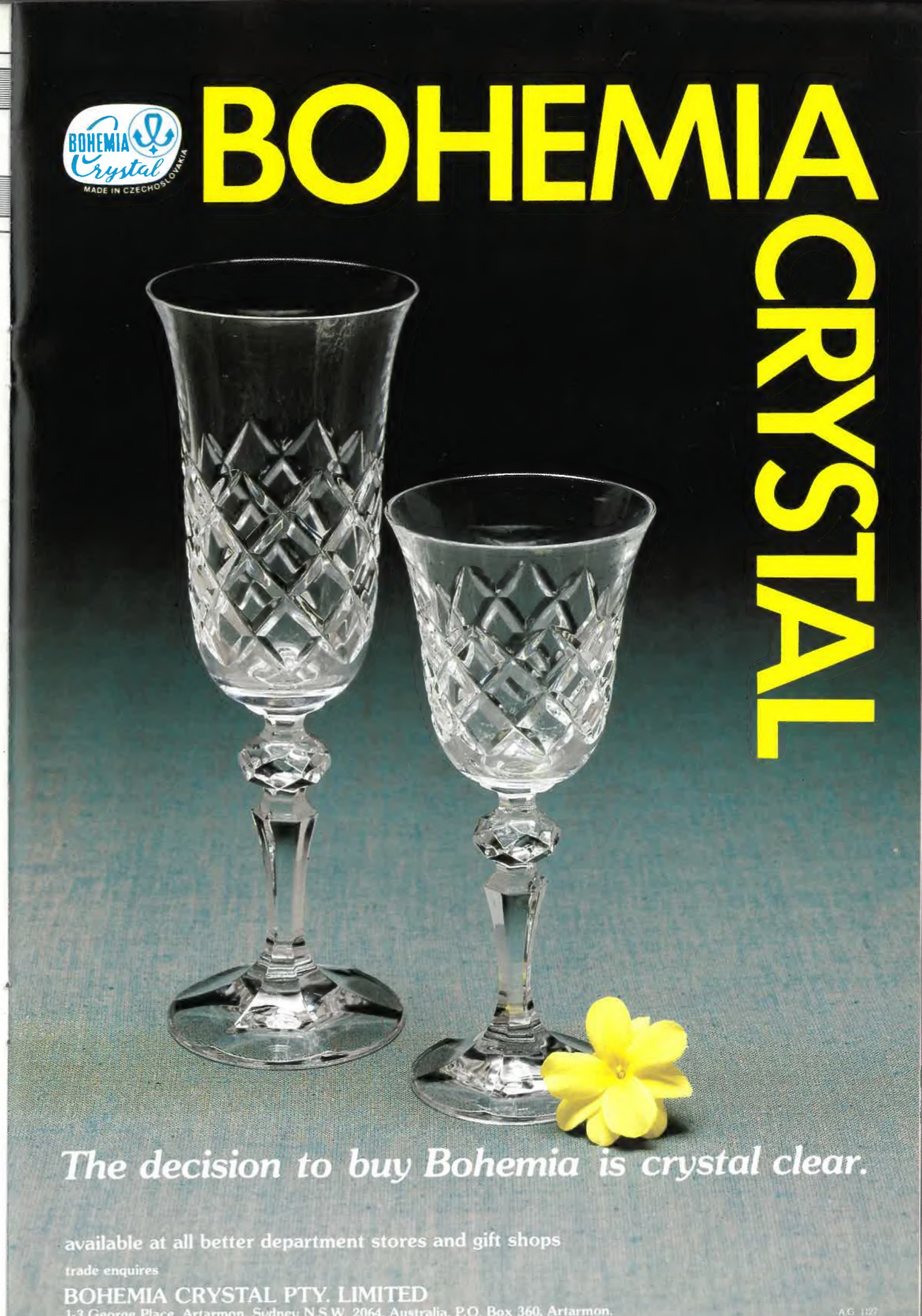
"I am also convinced that the skill factor in our squad is now higher than ever before, and this is a comforting thought. There is no such thing in our squad now as a 'guaranteed first team place' and every player will have to fight for his position.

"Maybe we lacked a bit of speed in the past, but I am sure this deficiency has been remedied by the introduction of a few new players into our setup.

"At all times we must strive to improve and I am confident this will be the situation."

Over the years, Frank Arok has become an institution in Australian soccer. His dedication will to succeed, and total involvement in the game is now legendary.

Indeed the fortunes of the Winfield Socceroos could not be in better hands – it's as simple as that!



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KEN MURPHY *(South Melbourne)*	10	KAREL KULA *(Banik Ostrava)*
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RUSSELL STEWART *(Brisbane Lions)*	12	MIROSLAV SIVA *(RH Cheb)*
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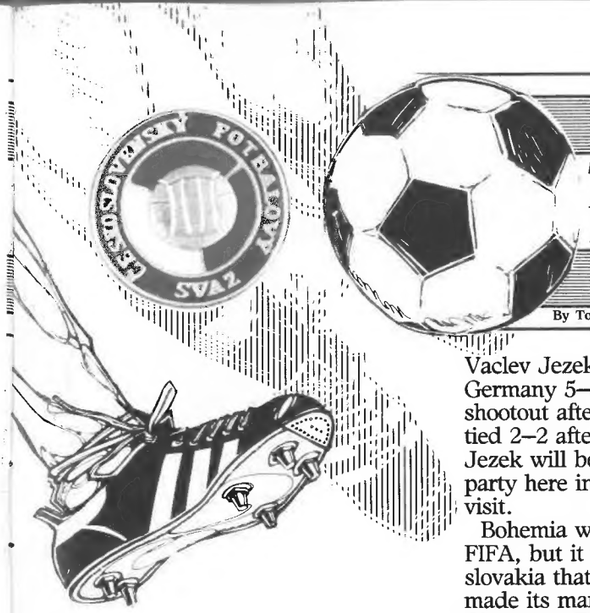

THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

CZECHOSLOVAKIA have been unusually successful for a small country and have a high standing in the international football arena.

Although they have never won the World Cup, they have reached two finals and led in both of them!

In 1934 they met Italy, the host nation, and gave away a soft goal before losing in extra time in a game they should have won! In 1962 in Chile they again reached the final as complete outsiders and gave Brazil a mighty fright before succumbing 3–1.

Outstanding in this 1962 side was their superb midfield combination of Pluskel, Popluher and Masopust. The cornerstone of their defence on this occasion was their captain and left back Movak.

But Czechoslovakia's biggest success in the international arena came in 1976 when they won the European Nations Championship.

Under the direction of coach Vaclev Jezek they beat West Germany 5–3 on a penalty shootout after the score had been tied 2–2 after extra time. Coach Jezek will be with the Czech party here in Australia on this visit.

Bohemia were early members of FIFA, but it was in Czechoslovakia that the country first made its mark, in the 1920 Olympics. They reached the final, but were disqualified for walking off after disputing Belgium's second goal.

They again reached the Olympic final in 1964, but lost 2–1 to Hungary. Olympic success however came their way in Moscow in 1980 when they beat East Germany 1–0 in the final.

The Czech game was fully professional between the wars and the leading clubs imported some of Europe's best players.

It was reorganized in 1948, since when it has been administered by the Football Section of the Czech Sports Ministry.

The players were state-paid 'amateurs' and the clubs have all been adopted by the Army, government ministries and most commonly local industries.

From village teams to the first division, promotion and relegation are automatic.

There are two cup competitions – one for Slovakia and one for the Czechs (Bohemia and Moravia) – the winners meeting in the Grand Final.

In European club competition, Dukla Prague made a big impression in the European Cup during the 1960's. However it was not until 1969 that a major trophy was won.

This was when Slovan Bratislava beat Barcelona of Spain 3–2 in the final of the European Cup-Winners Cup.

Czechoslovakia is a bridge between the Anglo-Saxon-Germanic-Nordic peoples of northern and western Europe and the Slavonic nations of the east.

Without doubt the best known Czech soccer identity to the Australian sportsfans is their former national coach Dr. Josef Venglos, who also coached the Socceroos and Sydney club side Prague.

Joe, now in charge of the Malaysian national team, is also one of FIFA's leading technical experts and indeed was a technical director for FIFA at the recent World Cup final series in Mexico. A qualified Professor of Physical Education, Joe Venglos' eminence in football equals his academic standing.

Under the guidance of Venglos, the Czech national team visited Australia in 1980. They defeated the Socceroos 4–0 in Canberra, 5–0 in Sydney with the result in the third match in Melbourne 2–2.

This present visit will be a yardstick as to the advancement of Australian football since 1980.

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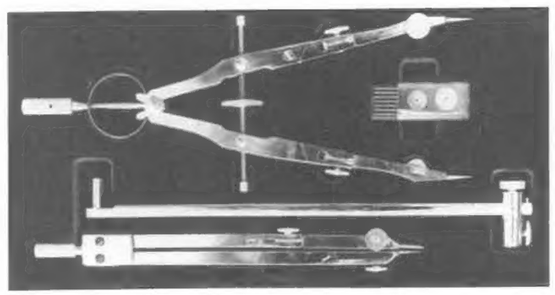

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA TEAM BOSS JOSEF MASOPUST

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

CZECHOSLOVAKIAN national coach Josef Masopust was one of the greatest attacking mid-fielders ever to kick a ball in the international arena.

First capped in 1954, Masopust played 63 times for Czechoslovakia in what was virtually two international careers.

In his late twenties, it was alleged by his distractors that his style of play, based on the traditional short passing and close control game of Central Europe was out of fashion and he was dropped from the national team for more than a year. By all means and purposes it seemed he was finished as a national team player.

However he was recalled as deputy for an injured player against Austria. And the magnificent midfielder grabbed the chance to re-establish himself.

He had a marvellous match and scored a remarkable goal, that was preceded by a mass dribble around six or seven opponents, before he put the ball into the Austrian net!

Masopust, 55, was born at Most, near the East German border and started his playing career with his local club Union Taplica, before earning Youth caps and attracting the attention of Karal Kolsky, the manager of the newly formed Czech Army team Dukla Prague. He joined Dukla when he was 20 and played with them for 17 years.

In 1962, Josef Masopust became the first and only Czech player to win the European Footballer of the Year Award. In 1968 he was the Czech Footballer of the Year.

He appeared for the FIFA World Selection at Wembley Stadium and he was also honoured twice by UEFA.

During his international career with Czechoslovakia, Masopust scored 11 goals from the midfield position, including the first goal in the 1962 World Cup Final against Brazil in Chile.

Never renowned for his tackling or heading, Masopust was essentially an attacking mid-fielder, though his instinctive sense of anticipation enabled him to intercept many passes in mid-field, and he excelled at making himself easy to find by defensive colleagues in possession.

But it was going forward on attack that was the cornerstone of his game. He roved all over the middle of the field in search of the ball to initiate attacks.

Predominantly left-footed, Masopust was a natural dribbler and a master of the through pass to set up his strikers.

Although he scored many goals at club and international level, he was seldom known to shoot from more than 10 yards! Indeed, many of his goals came after dribbling round the opposing goalkeeper.

He also scored many more, by popping up unexpectedly in the goalmouth to side-foot the ball home, apparently coming from nowhere.

In 1968 he was allowed out of Czechoslovakia to turn professional in Belgium. There, he helped the Crossing Maulenbeek club to win promotion to the first division.

Masopust retired in 1970 and returned to Prague where he became the assistant manager of the Dukla club.

Since then, his coaching career spiralled and he now holds the premier position in his country – that of national coach. He will use this series against the Winfield Socceroos to tune his team for the European Nations Cup qualifying games that start next month.

Czechoslovakia have been drawn in a different group along with Denmark, Wales and Finland.

Australia takes great pleasure in welcoming such a great football personality as Josef Masopust to these shores!

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YOUNG SOCCEROOS Vs CZECHOSLOVAKIA

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

AUSTRALIA'S Young Socceroos are also locked in a series against the Czechoslovakian youth team at the present time, as a start to their preparation for the Oceania qualifying round of the World Youth Championship.

This is the first real outing for the Les Scheinflug's Young Socceroos and it will be used as a guideline in their attempt to qualify for the World Youth Championship Finals for the Coca-Cola Cup in Chile next year.

The Oceania WYC qualifying round will be held in New Zealand in January. Later in the year in November, coach Les Scheinflug will take his youth team to Bangkok to participate in the Queens Cup competition.

First impressions indicate that once again, the Young Socceroos will be a formidable outfit and one that will do Australia proud.

Coach Scheinflug is a master at preparing young teams and he is enthused at the talent at his disposal. "They have looked very well in training and I am confident they can produce the end result required and get us to Chile next year," he said.

"There is an abundance of young talent in Australia at the present time and the future has never looked brighter."

VENUES

MONDAY, August 4th – King George IV Stadium, Hobart
WEDNESDAY, August 6th – Perry Park, Brisbane
SATURDAY, August 9th – Macquarie Fields, Newcastle

SQUADS

YOUNG SOCCEROOS		CZECHOSLOVAKIA
GEORGE BOUHOUTSAS *(Sydney Olympic)*	1	IVAN ONDRUSKA *(Plastika Nitra)*
DAMIEN HURLEY *(Polonia Adelaide)*	2	JAROSLAV BODNAR *(ZTS Kosica)*
GEORGE KULCSAR *(Canberra)*	3	PETR SKARABELA *(Banik Ostrava)*
KURT REYNOLDS *(AIS)*	4	JULIUS CHLPIK *(Bohemians Prague)*
DARREN NORTHAM *(Blacktown)*	5	RICHARD MARGOLIUS *(Sparta Prague)*
JASON POLAK *(AIS)*	6	ALES FOLDYNA *(Dukla Prague)*
JOHN KOCH *(AIS)*	7	IVAN MAHUT *(ZVL Zilina)*
LOU HRISTODOULOU *(Adelaide Hellas)*	8	KAREL ZARSKY *(Bohemians Prague)*
SCOTT OLLERENSHAW *(St George)*	9	FRANTISEK HALAS *(Plastika Nitra)*
ALISTAIR EDWARDS *(Kwinana Perth)*	10	MAREK TRVAL *(Banik Ostrava)*
JASON VAN BLERK *(AIS)*	11	MAREK MIKUS *(Plastika Nitra)*
ALEX CUMMINGS *(AIS)*	12	*Coach:* JAN SKRIPKO
CRAIG MOFFITT *(St George)*	13	
JOHN MARKOVSKI *(Sunshine)*	14	
JOHN ANASTASIAS *(Heidelberg)*	15	
DEREK CAISLEY *(Newcastle)*	16	
DAVID SCHUTE *(Penrith)*	17	
DAVID MOWER *(AIS)*	18	
Coach: LES SCHEINFLUG		

REFEREES FOR SERIES

King George IV Stadium, Hobart – Jack Johnson, Tasmania
Perry Park, Brisbane – Denis Monteverde, Queensland
Macquarie Fields, Newcastle – Gary Power, New South Wales

Young Socceroo Coach Les Scheinflug, Winfield Socceroo Coach Frank Arok, Under-16 National Coach Vic Dalgleish

THE WORLD CUP FINALS IN MEXICO

By Tom Anderson, The Sydney "Daily Mirror"

THE World Cup finals recently played in Mexico were a "Fiesta of Football" and a Jamboree of the top soccer nations in the world pitting their skills against each other!

It was an outstanding success and a series that captured the imagination of all sports fans throughout every corner of the globe.

The only disappointment of course was that the Winfield Socceroos were not there to be part of this 'Greatest Football Show on Earth'.

There is no doubt whatsoever they could have acquitted themselves well, and had it not been for the cruel elimination draw against Scotland, would have done just that!

It was a series well organised by FIFA and despite their tremendous problems following the earthquakes that hit Mexico City a few months earlier, the Mexicans did themselves proud with their organisation, friendliness and generosity.

The football in the series was appreciated by everyone who had the pleasure to watch it – either live in Mexico or on television throughout the world.

The standard of play was much higher than the equivalent offering four years previously in Spain.

It proved that as time progresses, players are becoming more gifted and teams more balanced.

Certainly there were a few moans and complaints afterwards, but in general this resentment came from teams sore over their early dismissal and failure. Even World Cup finalists can become sore losers!

The series also proved that in this modern day and age and with a proper preparation, playing in an altitude of 7,000 has little effect on good football teams!

In the end Argentina's victory was one that was thoroughly deserved and here was a team that looked the complete unit.

Of course, the South Americans also had the greatest of all contemporary footballers in their lineup – the magnificent Diego Maradona.

Maradona was the hero of the series, and an electrifying performer second to none in the world today.

All the top nations in Mexico had brilliant individual players possessing fluent skills and magnificent talents.

The Mexico finals proved beyond any doubt that there is no substitute for skill in football today.

Apart from the eventual winners, Argentina, their near neighbours Brazil were the other team that really impressed.

Here is an outfit with exhilarated pace, imagination and variety and indeed a magnificent attacking quality that only they possess.

Indeed it would be true to state that if a favourite for the 1990 series in Italy had to be installed at this moment in time, it would have to be Brazil.

In players such as Julio Cesar, Josimar, Branco, Elso, Caraca, Alemeo Muller and Paulo Silas, they have stars under the age of 25, who will be at their peak in 1990.

Of some of the other nations, England proved to be only adequate, France buoyant without the real killer touch and Denmark, brilliant on occasions, but much too erratic overall.

Australia of course, had two representatives in Mexico – referee Chris Bambridge of Victoria and ASF executive-director Brian Emery on the FIFA secretariat.

Referee Bambridge was a cruel victim of circumstance and deserved a better fate.

Administrator Emery was appointed as FIFA's General Co-ordinator at Queretaro and performed his duties in his usual immaculate manner.

The Queretaro operation worked like clockwork and this highlighted the great administrative capabilities of ASF executive director Emery.

To sum up – a wonderful series and a real Fiesta of Football with congratulations certainly due to everyone who made it all happen!

SOCCER TRIVIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Soccer was first played in South Australia in 1897, by a band of football enthusiasts from the Norwood area.

Workers at the Holford's Pottery fielded a strong team in scratch matches.

In 1902 under the direction of F. Storr of Adelaide, organisation first came to the scene.

Teams were fielded from North Adelaide, South Adelaide and Woodville and two years later Sturt were formed, followed by Port Adelaide, Hindmarsh, Cambridge, Railways, Adelaide and Cheltenham.

VICTORIA

1892 was the year soccer was first organised in Victoria when an English insurance clerk, A. Gibb, called a meeting at Richmond.

After this meeting four clubs came into being – Carlton, Prahran, Melbourne Rovers and South Melbourne followed by Richmond.

There was an upsurge in the game just before World War 1 when regular league and cup programmes became permanent features of the game.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Soccer began in Sydney in 1880 when an English schoolmaster W. J. Fletcher formed the first club Wanderers which played the first match v The Kings School at Parramatta.

The introduction of a state-wide knock-out trophy caused great interest in all regions and the first state-wide council was called the NSW British Football Association and was founded in 1898.

TELEVISION

The first soccer game televised in Australia was the Bulgaria v India play-off for the third position at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics and the commentator was the ABC's Martin Royal.

RADIO

The first full match soccer coverage on radio in Australia happened in June 1932 when station 2HD Newcastle broadcast the New Zealand v Northern XI game at Newcastle Sports Ground.

WORLD CUP

Australia's first participation in the World Cup was in the 1966 elimination series.

The Aussie team travelled to Phnom Penh, Cambodia in 1965 for a series of Group 16 elimination games with the results – North Korea 6 Australia 1, North Korea 3 Australia 1.

Australia was eliminated and North Korea played in the finals in England in 1966.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Australia has competed in only one Olympic soccer competition – in 1956 in Melbourne. Australia's results in that series were – Australia 2 Japan 0, India 4 Australia 2.

The Olympic final between Russia and Yugoslavia – won by Russia 1–0 played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Saturday, December 8, 1956, attracted the biggest crowd ever to watch a soccer match in this country – 102,000.

TRAGEDY

The worst tragedy ever to happen in Australian soccer occurred at the Homestead Ground at Weston, 40 miles north of Newcastle, NSW, in August 1923. During a midweek training session lightning struck the dressing sheds and one of the Weston's club's most accomplished players Peter Corrick was killed along with a junior player. Four others were injured but later recovered.

YOUNGEST

The youngest player ever to enter the senior ranks of Australian football was James Jackson who was 13 years 7 months when he appeared for Hamilton Athletic v Wallsend in 1889.

He later went overseas to play with Arsenal, Newcastle United, Glasgow Rangers, Ranton Guild and Port Glasgow.

CANADA

Mexican World Cup Finalists Canada, toured Australia in 1924 and played a six match test series.

Australia won three games, lost two and one was drawn!

BARE FEET

When India toured Australia in 1938 with a party of 18 players, only six wore boots and the remainder played in their bare feet!

DIRECTOR OF COACHING

The first appointment of a National Director of Coaching in Australia was made in 1973 in conjunction with the Rothman's Sporting Foundation Trust. Eric Worthington was the man appointed and Eric is still in the position carrying on his sterling work!

OVERSEAS TOUR

The first overseas tour by an Australian team was in 1904 when a New South Wales representative team went to New Zealand. A party of 13 players sailed across the Tasman on SS Mararoa and out of 9 matches played won 5 lost 2 and 2 were drawn. They scored 29 goals with 13 against.

NUMBERING OF PLAYERS

Australia led the rest of the world by over 30 years when several Sydney senior clubs decided to adopt numbers on the backs of shirts in 1912!

QUOTES

"England striker Gary Lineker, the World Cup's leading scorer in Mexico, would have scored far more goals in a team able to set up more chances for him!" – Rivelino, one of Brazil's stars in their 1970 World Cup win.

"Diego Maradona must remember that greatness comes as much from unselfishness as individual ability. You can't always go it alone. But I think he is improving in this aspect of his play!" – Pele, one of the best soccer players of all time.

"Perhaps the referee was hypnotised by the lap of honour done by Diego Maradona after his 'hand goal' against England. He did not even ask his linesman, who might have seen the incident from a different angle!" – Danny Blanchflower, former Northern Ireland and Tottenham Hotspur all-time great.

"In the last decade the only world class players England have had are Kevin Keegan, Bryan Robson, Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton!" – Ron Atkinson, the manager of Manchester United.

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